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SUBJECT: TAJIK PRESIDENT FIRES SENIOR ANTI-NARCOTICS OFFICER TO
PROTECT A RELATIVE FROM PROSECUTION

CLASSIFIED BY: Tom Hushek, Charge d'Affaires, a.i., Exec, Department of State. REASON: 1.4 (b), (c), (d)

1. (S) Summary: President Rahmon has fired a senior anti-narcotics officer who pressed for prosecution of a distant relative and Major from th
2. (S) Post learned from a source in the Ministry of Interior that XXXXXXXXXXXX President Rahmon personally fired XXXXXXXXXXXX. This resultec
3. (S) This is the only case we know of where the president has intervened personally to remove a high-level official to protect his relatives
4. (S) XXXXXXXXXXXX led the most effective counter narcotics organization in Tajikistan. His police division seized several times as much herc
5. (S) Comment: XXXXXXXXXXXX stepped on two land mines: repeatedly arresting State Security officers who were working as drug couriers, and th
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